

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Hunter S5575

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State of Virginia, Charlotte County to wit:

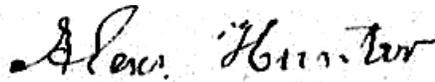
On this 3rd day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Charlotte, now sitting, Alexander Hunter a resident of said County and State, aged Seventy Six years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered two tours as a Soldier in the militia of the Virginia during the Revolutionary War.

1st In the year 1781 in the month of January he marched from the County of Charlotte (where he then & has ever since resided) under the command of Captain Richard Gaines to Portsmouth on the Elizabeth River, he was at Norfolk, Williamsburg, Hobbs Hole and other places, he remained but a short time at any one place. Colonel Fleming [Charles Fleming] and General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] were the Commanding Officers – he recollects but two Companies of Continentals, one Commanded by Captain Long afterwards Major Long and the other by Captain Saunders, he was discharged early in April of the same year after having served three months – he received no discharge that he recollects.

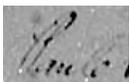
2nd In the same year 1781 in the month of June or July he was again drafted and marched again to Portsmouth under the Command of Captain Wallace [Andrew Wallace], Thomas Paule [?]¹ a Lieutenant – Colonel Richardson [probably Holt Richeson] and General Lawson [Robert Lawson] were the Commanding Officers he served the whole tour three months at Portsmouth & in the neighborhood and was discharged in September or October of the same year – during this tour he acted as Sergeant.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Alex. Hunter



[Elisha Collins, a Baptist clergyman, and William Gaines gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Charlotte County (to wit)

This day Benjamin Marshall² came before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he was with Alexander Hunter in the Army at York and served a tower [tour] of duty with him for three months that the said Hunter served and acted as Sergeant in Captain Andrew Wallace's Company from Charlotte County.

Given under my hand this 3rd September 1832

S/ R. Morton

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I do hereby certify that I James Pugh³ served a tower of duty with Ellick Hunter [sic] under Captain Richard Gaines at Portsmouth in the year of 1781, we left home the 9th of January the same year and discharged the 9th of April.

This day James Pugh personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said County and made oath that the above certificate was true in every particular.

Given under my hand and seal this 3rd day of September 1832

S/ Archibald D Alexander

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private & Sergeant in the Virginia militia service for 6 months.]

² [Benjamin Marshall S5728](#)

³ [James Pugh W5588](#)